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REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action issued January 30, 2001 in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants submit the following remarks:

REMARKS

Claims 46-55 are pending and under examination in this application.

Claims 44-55 were submitted in the "Second Preliminary Amendment" filed August 31, 1999.

In the Official Action, it is referred to Claim 1 as the only claim under examination in the Application. However, as indicated in the "Second Preliminary Amendment" Applicants have requested that Claim 1 be cancelled in favor of Claims 44-55.

Moreover, all the rejections and objections set forth in the Official Action are directed to Claim 1 and are believed to be non-applicable to Claims 46-55. Thus, withdrawal of the rejections is in order and respectfully requested.

A copy of the Second Preliminary Amendment and the stamped post card indicating receipt thereof at the United States Patent and Trademark Office is provided herewith per a request by the Examiner during telephonic interview conducted with the undersigned Applicants representative.

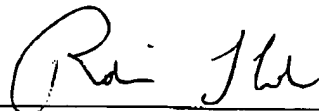
From the foregoing, favorable consideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order and is earnestly solicited.

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If the Examiner has any questions relating to this reply or the application in general,  
he is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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